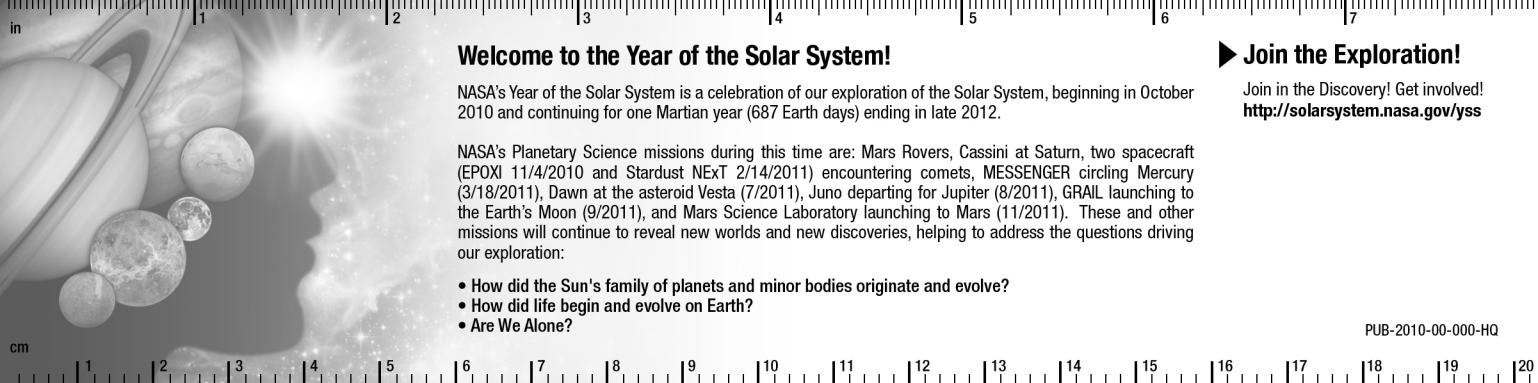




YEAR OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM: NEW WORLDS, NEW DISCOVERIES

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Welcome to the Year of the Solar System!

NASA's Year of the Solar System is a celebration of our exploration of the Solar System, beginning in October 2010 and continuing for one Martian year (687 Earth days) ending in late 2012.

NASA's Planetary Science missions during this time are: Mars Rovers, Cassini at Saturn, two spacecraft (EPOXI 11/4/2010 and Stardust NExT 2/14/2011) encountering comets, MESSENGER circling Mercury (3/18/2011), Dawn at the asteroid Vesta (7/2011), Juno departing for Jupiter (8/2011), GRAIL launching to the Earth's Moon (9/2011), and Mars Science Laboratory launching to Mars (11/2011). These and other missions will continue to reveal new worlds and new discoveries, helping to address the questions driving our exploration:

- How did the Sun's family of planets and minor bodies originate and evolve?
- How did life begin and evolve on Earth?
- Are We Alone?

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